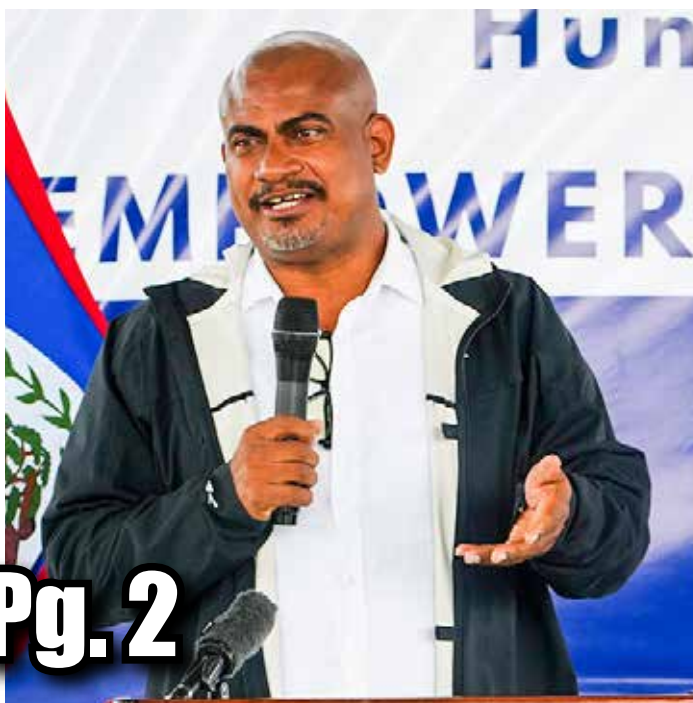




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"We are saying to you that you are important. And if you're poor, you're not going to be poor anymore. Because if you have land, you cannot be poor." Hon. Cordel Hyde



On Tuesday, February 6, 2024 six hundred residents of San Ignacio, Santa Elena and surrounding communities participated in the first phase of a land distribution program implemented by Cayo Central Area Representative Hon. Alex Balona. Three hundred of them received purchase prices for parcels, leases and titles, while another three hundred first-time landowners received their titles. The handing over of official documents is the end result of multiple land clinics held in the division since November 2020.

This land distribution ceremony in Santa Elena is just one of many happening across the country, as the Ministry of Natural Resources has worked closely with Area Representatives to identify land which can be given to deserving Belizeans, many of whom have never owned a piece of land.

Minister of Natural Resources, Hon. Cordel Hyde, was on hand at the Santa Elena Complex, and explained that what residents are receiving is a commitment to the people which was outlined in Plan Belize. "All over the country we've been fighting to just make sure that the people who don't have, get. Those are the social justice ideals we subscribe to, making sure that the people who need our help the most get the help," he said.

As early as 2021, the Ministry of Natural Resources started visiting communities across the country for what were loosely called clinics. These sessions included the participation of an entire team from the Ministry, with personnel able to do everything from accepting applications to providing titles. These clinics have been wildly successful, and the Ministry reports that thousands of first-time landowners have gotten leases and titles, while thousands more have been able to resolve land issues dating back years.

Residents from the twin towns and from surrounding villages were clearly overjoyed to receive their land, and they understand what it represents. "This is something that's never happened before. Owning a piece of land is very important for a person because you can build your house. We can use the land to open a business. When you have a land paper you can go to the bank and get a loan. This is something very special for someone who has never had a piece of land," stated Santa Elena resident Abelina Gonzalez.

Belizeans will recall that in 13 years under the United Democratic Party administration, the land policy was decidedly different. Nobody will ever forget the former Area Representative of Cayo Central, Rene Montero, who was accused of participating in a scam where land was put into people's names without their knowledge or consent, then transferred to him. Belizeans will also remember that it was under former UDP Minister of Natural Resources Gaspar Vega that the Lands Department became known as a hotbed of corruption. Vega ensured during his tenure at the Ministry that he and his family members received thousands of acres of prime land.

Things are different under this PUP administration and have been different since day one. Many Belizeans are receiving parcels of land, including public officers, police officers and teachers, who have been placed at the top of the priority list. Many have been waiting over 20 years for the opportunity to own land, like Santa Elena resident Kevin Diaz. "To be honest last night I didn't sleep. This is like half of my dream come true. After a land comes a house. That's why I said it's half my dream come true. From here I can start building a house. I'm really excited. I've been waiting over 20 years and finally this is coming true," he told the **Belize Times**.

Cayo Central Area Representative Alex Balona, who worked for months to make the land distribution program a reality, confirmed to the **Belize Times** that this is just the first phase.

NHI GOES COUNTRYWIDE – CAYO PROCESS HAS BEGAN



Cayo District, February 3 - Representatives of the National Health Insurance (NHI) Committee met with members of the medical community in the Cayo District to discuss the Phase 1 rollout of NHI coverage in Benque Viejo, San Ignacio, Santa Elena, and surrounding communities.

As part of this process, medical service providers interested in offering NHI services to residents must make a bid by May 6, 2025. Following a thorough vetting process, the selected providers that are deemed the best fit for residents will be finalized in June.

Belmopan, February 4 – Next, The National Health Insurance (NHI) Committee met with members of the medical community in Belmopan to discuss the rollout of NHI in that municipality.

The NHI team is preparing to accept bids from primary care providers, after which the most suitable clinics will be selected under NHI to serve Belmopan residents.

The national rollout of NHI is expected to be completed across the entire Cayo District by mid-2025, achieving 100% coverage for Belize's population.

Belize City, January 29 - Representatives of the National Health Insurance (NHI) are meeting with members of the medical community to discuss the continued roll-out of NHI coverage to the rest of Belize City. As part of this process, the NHI is reopening the tender bidding for one additional medical service provider to care for residents in this municipality. Interested leaders of primary healthcare clinics in Belize City's health sector must make a bid and be assessed as the best fit for citizens.

The NHI expansion continues, bringing affordable, high-quality primary healthcare to Belizeans nationwide. This is probably the most important of planBelize promises to the Belizean populace. The success of this health care phenomenon was attached to economic success of the country, in general, and the successful Government management of the new Boledo, in particular. Both the economy and the Boledo have been a success thanks to the Belizean people and thus we have a full rollout of the National Health Insurance, thus providing what the PUP has touted as a Belizean Right—access to affordable Health care.

Peini's 130th Anniversary Celebrated in PG's Central Park

February 1, 2025, Punta Gorda celebrates the 130th anniversary of its declaration as a town. The celebration is referred to as PG Day. The declaration of the town was made by the then colonial government on January 21, 1895. The community was founded and first settled by the Garinagu in early 1820s. They affectionately called it "Peini", which is the Garifuna name for Punta Gorda. The south section of the town is called "Masiraga". This name was brought from St. Vincent, the homeland of the Garinagu, that had a Garifuna community by the name of "Masiraca".

PG Day as we know it today, is the brainchild of the President of the Battle of the Drums. In October 2010, his uncle, Dr. Joseph Palacio sent him information he had uncovered, during a research, about the declaration of PG Town. Having received this revelation, he thought to himself, how fitting it would be to celebrate the declaration of township annually along with the birthday of the King of Paranda, Paul Nabor, which the Battle of the Drums Secretariat had commenced in January of 2010.

Armed with this thought, our President approached the then Mayor, Floyd Lino who agreed to the concept and the collaboration. The first PG Day celebration was held on January 29, 2011.

Happy PG Day!!! From Peini with Love!!! (Battle of the Drums FB Post)

Also, thanks to various sources for PG Day pictures.

During the week coming up to the big day, Mayor Galvez, Deputy Mayor Hines, Councilors, the Punta Gorda Town Council 2024-2027 staff and the PG Fire Department went out to give the Punta Gorda Central Park a paint job in time for the celebration. This project was being sponsored by the Belize Tourism Board (BTB) and Hon. Anthony Mahler. Many thanks went out to all sponsors, musicians and sellers who made for a vibrant day.



Many thanks go out to the residents who celebrated their day and to visitors who joined in. The PG Town Council is already looking to number 131.

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EDITORIAL

THE BAD & THE UGLY

As this newspaper prepares to go to press, with credible reports that elections are just a few weeks away, there is still no sign of life from his Majesty's Opposition, the United Democratic Party. Voters have absolutely no idea who will run on a legitimate UDP ticket, and no clue if there is indeed another party called the Alliance for Democracy. Both Shyne Barrow and Tracy Panton claim that their factions are 'true-true' UDP, which has further added to the confusion pervading this unseemly, bizarre debacle, and has done nothing but cement the grave in which the UDP will lie.

This week, a very demure Panton took to the airwaves again. She said absolutely nothing new, and nothing to inspire any hope. It was the same spiel about her being a warrior for democracy and a champion of the UDP constituency. She lacked the fire of the week before, perhaps the result of her losing the support of Ivan Puerto in Corozal Bay, Omar Figueroa in Cayo North and El Odio Aragon in Orange Walk East. Puerto, sources say, wisely decided not to squander his money in a sure loss, and Figueroa recently declared that he was breaking up with Panton because he had fallen back in love with Shyne Barrow. Aragon, who would have been beaten like an old red drum in Orange Walk East anyway, decided to just call it a day.

Political observers believe that Panton's subdued demeanour is due to more than just the loss of standard bearer support, though. They point to a lack of financial backative, claiming that donors who had made pledges have gone MIA, no doubt realizing the sheer stupidity of putting money on a horse who was lame before the race even started. Truth be told, neither Panton nor those in her corner are the types to inspire confidence. Some of them, in fact, are individuals you would likely avoid while walking through a dark alley.

But there's more. Sources in the legal know say that there is every likeliness that Panton, and those behind her, will not be able to claim the UDP name for their own, or to run on a UDP ticket. They say that the Court will most assuredly find that the October 20th convention, about which Panton boasts incessantly, was null and void since it did not have the backing or participation of the UDP leader, Chairman or Secretariat. There is no doubt that at the time the so-called convention was held, Shyne Barrow was the legitimate UDP leader, and no doubt that Panton did an end run to try to steal away that leadership.

If that is the decision of the Court, then Panton and all those behind her will be left in a cold, dark political void. Mr. Barrow has already replaced them in the United Democratic Party, albeit by a most unsavoury and questionable bunch of characters. So then, where would they fit into the electoral process? As an entire other party called the Alliance for Democracy? Panton has been unable to muster a slate, and at last count the 'AfD' had 12 members only. That would be a sure recipe for disaster and would do nothing to satisfy the power cravings of Panton, John Saldivar and Patrick Faber.

To move past Panton's current conundrum, the reality is that Shyne Barrow is in a better place, so to speak, because he currently has ownership of the UDP name. We say so to speak, because the UDP name is currently of the same value as that stuff found in pit latrines and septic tanks – maybe even less. Barrow brings nothing of value to the table, certainly not those who are following him. In his quest to spite Panton et al, and to ensure total servitude, he has assembled a truly remarkable bunch of scoundrels.

We often hear of the good, the bad and the ugly. In these times of UDP shame and disgrace, there are only the bad, and the ugly.

EDITORIAL*en Español*

LO MALO Y LO FEO

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ientras este periódico se prepara para entrar en imprenta, con informes creíbles de que faltan pocas semanas para las elecciones, la oposición de Su Majestad, el Partido Unido Democrático, sigue sin dar señales de vida. Los votantes no tienen ni idea de quién se presentará en una candidatura legítima del UDP, ni de si existe realmente otro partido llamado Alianza para la Democracia. Tanto Shyne Barrow como Tracy Panton afirman que sus facciones son el «verdadero» UDP, lo que ha agravado la confusión que invade esta indecorosa y extraña debacle, y no ha hecho más que cimentar la tumba en la que yacerá el UDP.

Esta semana, una Panton muy recatada volvió a los medios de comunicación. No dijo absolutamente nada nuevo, ni nada que inspirara esperanza. Fue el mismo cuento de siempre sobre su condición de guerrera de la democracia y defensora de la circunscripción del UDP. Le faltó el fuego de la semana anterior, quizá porque perdió el apoyo de Iván Puerto en la bahía de Corozal, Omar Figueroa en Cayo Norte y El Odio Aragón en Orange Walk Este. Puerto, dicen las fuentes, decidió sabiamente no malgastar su dinero en una pérdida segura, y Figueroa declaró recientemente que rompía con Panton porque se había vuelto a enamorar de Shyne Barrow. Aragón que de todos modos habría sido vapuleado como un viejo tambor rojo en Orange Walk Este, decidió dar por zanjado el asunto.

Los observadores políticos creen que la actitud de Panton se debe a algo más que a la pérdida de apoyo de su abanderado. Apuntan a una falta de respaldo financiero, alegando que los donantes que habían hecho promesas han desaparecido, sin duda al darse cuenta de la estupidez de apostar por un caballo que estaba cojo incluso antes de que empezara la carrera. A decir verdad, ni Panton ni quienes están a su lado inspiran confianza. Algunos de ellos, de hecho, son personas a las que probablemente evitarías mientras caminas por un callejón oscuro.

Pero hay más. Fuentes conocedoras de la ley dicen que es muy probable que Panton, y quienes la apoyan, no puedan reclamar el nombre del UDP para sí mismos, ni presentarse en una candidatura del UDP. Dicen que, con toda seguridad, el Tribunal dictaminará que la convención del 20 de octubre, de la que Panton alardea incesantemente, fue nula e inválida, ya que no contó con el respaldo ni la participación del líder, el Presidente ni la Secretaría del UDP. No cabe duda de que, en el momento en el que se celebró la supuesta convención, Shyne Barrow era el líder legítimo del UDP, y no cabe duda de que Panton hizo una maniobra para intentar arrebatarse ese liderazgo.

Si esa es la decisión del Tribunal, entonces Panton y todos los que están detrás de ella se quedarán en un frío y oscuro vacío político. El Sr. Barrow ya los ha sustituido en el Partido Unido Democrático, aunque por un grupo de personajes de lo más desagradable y cuestionable. Entonces, ¿dónde encajarían en el proceso electoral? ¿En otro partido llamado Alianza para la Democracia? Panton ha sido incapaz de reunir una lista, y en el último recuento la «ApD» sólo tenía 12 miembros. Sería una receta segura para el desastre y no contribuiría en nada a satisfacer las ansias de poder de Panton, John Saldivar y Patrick Faber.

Para dejar atrás el actual enigma de Panton, la realidad es que Shyne Barrow está en mejor lugar, por así decirlo, porque actualmente es el propietario del nombre UDP. Decimos por así decirlo, porque el nombre de la UDP tiene actualmente el mismo valor que las cosas que se encuentran en las letrinas y fosas sépticas - tal vez incluso menos. Barrow no aporta nada de valor, y menos aún los que le siguen. En su afán por fastidiar a Panton y otros, y para asegurarse una servidumbre total, ha reunido a un grupo de sinvergüenzas realmente notable.

A menudo oímos hablar de los buenos, los malos y los feos. En estos tiempos de vergüenza y desgracia para la UDP, sólo existen los malos y los feos.

RIVA BATTAM

Hot air

What a thing. The old Tracy folded like a big deflated balloon and went running back to Jamal begging to be let back into the UDP. Trust me, there's more to this than people are seeing. The letters between lawyers are just a farce, because sources say Tracy and Jamal have actually met in person twice this last week. You see Tracy playing big and bad on Facebook? That's all for show. Word is Jamal has her all but jumping through hoops, ready to give it all up for a shot to run in Albert. Tracy might be a little slow but she's no fool. She knows that her political career is hanging by a thin thread, because ain't nobody going to vote for any Alliance for Democracy, worse if she is forced to run independent. It all comes down to how bad Tracy wants Albert, and who all she's prepared to give up for a last shot at her dream.

Collateral Damage

Sources within both Jamal's and Tracy's camps have confirmed what we all knew. The first casualty of any kind of sordid dalliance between the two would be the fried chicken king, Chon Saan magnate Lee Mark Chang. Chang, much better known for his chow mein than for his political skill, was the Alliance's sacrificial goat in Mesopotamia, there to guarantee a loss for Jamal. Word is Tracy went into her closed-door discussions with Jamal knowing this would be the first ask and had no problem throwing Chang over the cliff. We'll have more on that shortly, but first we get to the rest of Jamal's demands. He apparently wants John Saldivar's head on a platter, which might be some sort of bizarre irony in itself. Sources in the Alliance say that one is causing Tracy no end of headaches, as she knows that John is as devious as they come, and he also knows where a lot of her skeletons are buried.

There's more

That was only the beginning. Jamal is also playing hardball where Tracy's rather shady crew is concerned, but maybe not for the reason you may imagine. Jamal doesn't care much about the taint of corruption which comes with being UDP, past and present. But what he can't stomach is people who call him out, like Uncle Boots, who revealed that Jamal's assertion in his documentary that he emptied slop-buckets as a child was a lie. Boots went on national TV to claim that 'bubbles' had a good, good toilet growing up. Seems like a little thing, but Jamal takes petty to new levels. Then of course, there's old Ms. Bev, who should be thinking about retirement anyway. Jamal isn't so used to being on the receiving end of assault when it comes to women, and Ms. Bev has made it known that if he thought the slap in that parking lot was the real deal, she'll soon set him straight.

Vice Versa

And this is where it gets very interesting. The also very questionable crowd in Jamal's camp have become aware of the clandestine discussions between bubbles and carrots. If Tracy is allowed back into the fold, that means Jose Uk Espat will be kicked to the curb. That's not a bad thing, because he's kinda not all there in the head, but he for sure won't take it lightly. In fact, he's already claimed the position of Minister of National Security and Health on Facebook. We all know his penchant for fake titles, so next thing you know he'll be going around claiming to be a member of some Cabinet he's fabricated in his head. If Belizeans thought the clown show was done, keep watching. These next few days will be hilarious.

STATEMENT

Issued 3rd February 2025. 17:05hrs.
IRREGULAR - EMERGENCY

OFFICIAL

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology is devastated by the passing of a child of Stella Maris Special Education and Life Skills Learning Centre who lost his life in a drowning incident today. This loss of life is deeply regrettable.

The Ministry is working with the family to provide support during this difficult time.

This incident continues to be investigated by the Belize Police Department, in collaboration with the Ministry and the school, to ascertain all the details.

The community is implored to support and uplift the family and the education community of Stella Maris in prayers during this tragedy.

-Ends-

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The full job description is available at www.pactbelize.org. Packages must be submitted electronically and must include signed application letter, resume, certified copies of academic certificates, current police record (receipt can be submitted initially) and a list of two professional references (names and contact information only) no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 7th, 2025. Only complete packages will be processed. Packages should be addressed to:

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HISTORIC AGREEMENT FOR OIL EXPLORATION IN TOLEDO



The Government of Belize and the villagers of Santa Ana, Toledo, have signed a historic agreement granting consent for oil exploration by US Capital Energy on Maya communal land, in accordance with the Free, Prior, and Informed (FPIC) protocol.

Historically, a satisfactory consensus on the use of ancestral lands has been difficult to achieve for the government and the Maya who inhabit them, further elevating the importance of Santa Ana being the seventh and final community to sign the agreement.

This landmark decision paves the way for a new chapter in balancing development with the rights and voices of Indigenous communities, ensuring that they are at the heart of the decisions that affect their land, heritage, and future.

Context: For example, consultation with San Jose Toledo Villagers and its leaders commenced in January of 2022 with the following goals:

- (i) to adequately inform the community about the project, its risks and benefits;
- (ii) to negotiate the content of the programme and implementation mechanisms; and
- (iii) to bring the community to a point where they can decide whether to give consent.

The process provided the elements for an Indigenous Peoples Plan (IPP) and FPIC agreement to be developed with the community. It is the desire of the government to have as smooth an outcome to any agreement that must be drawn.

World Bank Approves “Belize Blue Cities and Beyond” Project

Belmopan, February 3, 2025.

The Government of Belize has secured approval for funding from the World Bank for a new project, “Belize Blue Cities and Beyond,” Valued at US\$32.23 million (BZ\$64.5 million). This initiative aligns with GOB’s commitment to sustainable development, climate resilience, and economic growth in coastal communities.

The project will support San Pedro Town, Belize City, and Punta Gorda through capacity-building, strategic policy development, and infrastructure improvements. Key focus areas include water quality, waste management, sanitation, sustainable fisheries, carbon markets, and other measures that will enhance the resilience and sustainability of Belize’s blue economy.

The funding comprises:

- US\$23.5 million in highly concessionary financing at 0.75% per annum from the World Bank’s International Development Association (IDA), payable over 30 years.
- US\$4 million grant from the PROBLUE Multi-Donor Trust Fund.
- US\$3.7 million grant from the Global Environment Facility.
- US\$0.97 million grant from the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery.

This investment comes at a critical time as GOB continues to implement policies and initiatives to strengthen climate resilience, safeguard natural resources, and promote economic opportunities for Belizeans. The Government of Belize looks forward to collaborating with the World Bank and development partners to ensure the successful implementation of this transformative project. (release)



REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS FOR FISHERIES BIOLOGIST Individual Consultant

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: “Promoting Sustainable Growth in the Blue Economy Program - BL-L1042”
Type of Engagement: Individual Consultant
Deadline: **Monday, February 17, 2025; 10:00 a.m.** (Local Belize Time)

The fishing industry in Belize has been an important sector in the development of the country, by contributing to employment, food security, income generation, and foreign exchange earnings. From 2015 to 2021 the fisheries and aquaculture sector contributed an average of 12% to total exports. In terms of employment, Belize’s fishery sector employs more than 3,000 fisherfolk directly and over 15,000 people indirectly; which represents around 10% of the country’s labor force. The Belize Fisheries Department (BFD) is a department within the Ministry of Blue Economy and Disaster Risk Management (MBDRM). The BFD is charged with regulating and managing the use of marine fisheries resources. Its mandate is to maintain and enhance the viability of the fisheries resources with a view of optimizing yields and sustaining livelihoods for the fishing community, ensuring food security, creating employment, and income generation, while sustaining the ecosystem and environmental services of the fisheries sector.

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Project – “Promoting Sustainable Growth in the Blue Economy Program”. The general objectives of the Project are to improve income generation capacity of artisanal fisherfolks, and to maintain export levels of fisheries products while contributing to the sustainable use of commercial oceanic resources. This will be done through two main components, (i) enhancing the Government’s ability to sustainably manage key commercial species in the fisheries sector through strengthening the management of the resources; and (ii) promoting the adoption of sustainable technologies and best fishing practices by artisanal fisherfolk through direct support to fishers. It is under this Project that positions crucial to the work of the Fisheries Department will be filled, including the position of Fisheries Biologist.

The main responsibility of the Fisheries Biologist will be to conduct fisheries-dependent and independent research, monitoring, and management activities related to primarily marine fishery resources.

The Ministry of Finance is now launching the process to fill a contractual position for the **Fisheries Biologist** and invites eligible Individuals to apply. For additional details, the required Application Template and Terms of Reference, can be obtained online at <https://mof.gov.bz/procurement-opportunities/>. Interested individuals should apply using the Application Template to demonstrate they have met the required qualifications and possess the relevant experience to perform the services.

The selection for this contractual position will be in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2350-15, as well as the GOB procurement policies and best practices, and is open to all eligible candidates as defined in the policies. The Consultants will be selected based on qualifications. **Only short-listed applicants will be invited for an interview.**

Qualified Individuals should submit one (1) pdf file in English via e-mail to tjohnston.ceu@cpu.mof.gov.bz or three (3) hardcopies of their application to the address below clearly indicating **Fisheries Biologist**- name of individual.

The Deadline for submission is no later than **Monday, February 17, 2025, by 10:00 a.m.** No late submissions will be accepted. Hard copies of the application should be submitted to the following address:

Therese Johnston
Procurement Specialist Assistant
Central Executing Unit
Ministry of Finance
2nd Floor, Sir Edney Cain Building
Belmopan City
Belize, Central America

Ref: Fisheries Biologist (BL-L1042) - Your name

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Hon. Oscar Mira: “It was the 47th Anniversary of the Belize Defence Force and I was honored to be the Inspecting Officer. It was an honor to attend this event alongside Hon. Minister Marin, both of us having actually been Officers in the BDF. Once again, Shoulder to Shoulder. The Prime Minister himself attended to show his support, just as he has always done.

The BDF holds a special part of my heart, having given over 20 years of my life in service to our country. Over hills and valleys, in the jungles and at the border. Countless miles marched, protecting our Country.

I can sincerely say, I have served this country and I will continue to do so. Many people talk the talk, but I have walked the trails.”



PM Briceño Visit to the Green Complex Building



February 3, 2024 - The Hon. Landy Habet and the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Climate Change had the honour of welcoming the Prime Minister of Belize, Hon. John Briceño to the Green Complex Building found in Habet’s own Cayo North-east! The government’s support has enabled the implementation of key initiatives in the Cayo North East, strengthening climate resilience and sustainable development; few of the many projects under the **Plan Belize Agenda**.

During his visit, Prime Minister Briceño was joined by Ian Courtney (Senior Investment & E-Governance Officer) and were escorted by Hon. Orlando Habet, Hon. Ramon Cervantes, and CEO Dr. Kenrick Williams to connect with the dedicated ministry staff at their workstations/ offices encouraging a spirit of collaboration and appreciation. Prime Minister later addressed the entire management and staff in the Green Complex Auditorium where he was presented with a token of appreciation by Minister Orlando Habet and Hon. Ramon Cervantes.

Thank you, Prime Minister Briceño, for your inspiring leadership, commitment and support to the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Climate Change.





St. Catherine Academy Valentine Fair

Saturday, 15 February 2025
SCA Grounds
4:00 pm - 12:00 midnight

FOOD COURT

Bar-B-Que, Cakes, Pastries, Italian Sausage, Chips & Dip, Chicken Dip, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Cotton Candy, Nachos, Pibil, Pizza, Wings, Rice & Beans, Sausages on a Stick, Jalapeño Peppers, Salpicon, Ceviche, Crazy Corn, Mexican Tacos, Tamales, Turkey Dinner, Fajitas, & More

DRINKS

Piña Colada, Ice Cream, Bubble Tea, Frozen Drinks, Pink Lemonade, Hawaiianas, Frozen Coffee, Soft Drinks

GAMES

Tombola, Dunk Tank, Mechanical Bull, Bean Bag Toss, Marble Game, Dice & Paddle, Plinko & More

OTHER ATTRACTIONS

Dance—
School ID Required,
Crafting Love Dinner Room, Photo Booth, Love Shop, Lights Delight, Bouncy House, Trampoline, Face Painting & More

Congratulations

NEW BYM IN TOLEDO EAST

NEW UWG IN TOLEDO EAST

On the same day and venue, a special day continued as another great team was sworn in to be leaders of change BYM Toledo along with a new team of UWG were sworn in today.

The New BYM Executive of Toledo has made commitments to continue advocating for betterment in their communities.

The youths are hope of the future.

BYM Toledo looks forward to make progress with the support of UWG, Osmond Martinez - Toledo East, Punta Gorda Town Council and most importantly, the people of Toledo.

The BYM Toledo East was already working even before this swearing-in. Here is a little update on the Hopeville Ball court which is almost completed. One more phase is pending before it is finally completed.

BYM Toledo would like to acknowledge the hardworking supporters. The Hon. Osmond Martinez - Toledo East sponsored paint and equipment. The United Women's Group has assisted with power washing the court. Women are rock stars. Thanks to the community members and friends who were there with us day and night. BYM Toledo is truly appreciative of your hard work and dedication.

The BYM-Toledo East cannot forget the committed firemen from the PG Fire Department. They have been in and out assisting with equipment to ensure the court was washed properly.

They extend full thanks to everyone to the benefit of the people.



In Loving Memory



Anthony Sylvestre

11th November, 1945 - 27th January, 2019

Gone but not forgotten,
gone but ever here.

No longer living in this
world but always and ever
near.

Missed by Family
and Friends

A proud moment as the United Women's Group officially swears in the UWG-Toledo East Chapter in Punta Gorda!

Congratulations to President Indira Coleman and the dynamic new Toledo East UWG Executive.

Together, we rise, lead, and inspire. Empowered women empower communities. Together, we are unstoppable. #TrueBlueWomen



REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS FOR FISHERIES DATA COLLECTOR (3 POSITIONS)

Individual Consultants

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Promoting Sustainable Growth in the Blue Economy Program
Type of Engagement: Individual Consultant
Deadline: Monday, February 17, 2025; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The fishing industry in Belize has been an important sector in the development of the country, by contributing to employment, food security, income generation, and foreign exchange earnings. From 2015 to 2021 the fisheries and aquaculture sector contributed an average of 12% to total exports. In terms of employment, Belize's fishery sector employs more than 3,000 fisherfolk directly and over 15,000 people indirectly, which represents around 10% of the country's labor force. The Belize Fisheries Department (BFD) is a department within the Ministry of Blue Economy and Disaster Risk Management (MBDRM). The BFD is charged with regulating and managing the use of marine fisheries resources. Its mandate is to maintain and enhance the viability of the fisheries resources with a view of optimizing yields and sustaining livelihoods for the fishing community, ensuring food security, creating employment, and income generation, while sustaining the ecosystem and environmental services of the fisheries sector.

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Project – "Promoting Sustainable Growth in the Blue Economy Program". The general objectives of the Project are to improve income generation capacity of artisanal fisherfolks, and to maintain export levels of fisheries products while contributing to the sustainable use of commercial oceanic resources. This will be done through two main components, (i) enhancing the Government's ability to sustainably manage key commercial species in the fisheries sector through strengthening the management of the resources; and (ii) promoting the adoption of sustainable technologies and best fishing practices by artisanal fisherfolk through direct support to fishers. It is under this Project that positions crucial to the work of the Fisheries Department will be filled, including the positions of Fisheries Data Collectors.

The main responsibility of the Fisheries Data Collectors is to conduct field data collection including fisheries dependent and independent data sets, monitoring of catch at landing sites and others, digitizing of datasets and ensuring quality and integrity of the data. These data sets will help in the determination of the status of fish stocks and the development and implementation of management measures for the conservation and sustainable use of the fish stocks.

The Ministry of Finance is now launching the process to fill three (3) contractual positions for **Fisheries Data Collectors** and invites eligible Individuals to apply.

For additional details, the required Application Template and Terms of Reference, can be obtained online at <https://mof.gov.bz/procurement-opportunities/>. Interested individuals should apply using the Application Template to demonstrate they have met the required qualifications and possess the relevant experience to perform the services.

The selection for this contractual position will be in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2350-15, as well as the GOB procurement policies and best practices, and is open to all eligible candidates as defined in the policies. The Consultants will be selected based on qualifications. **Only short-listed applicants will be invited for an interview.**

Qualified Individuals should submit one (1) pdf file in English via e-mail to tjohnston.ceu@cpu.mof.gov.bz or three (3) hardcopies of their application to the address below clearly indicating **Fisheries Data Collector**- name of individual.

The Deadline for submission is no later than **Monday, February 17, 2025, by 10:00 a.m.** Local Belize Time. No late submissions will be accepted. Hard copies of the application should be submitted to the following address:

Therese Johnston
Procurement Specialist Assistant
Central Executing Unit
Ministry of Finance
2nd Floor, Sir Edney Cain Building
Belmopan City
Belize, Central America

Ref: Fisheries Data Collector (BL-L1042) - Your name

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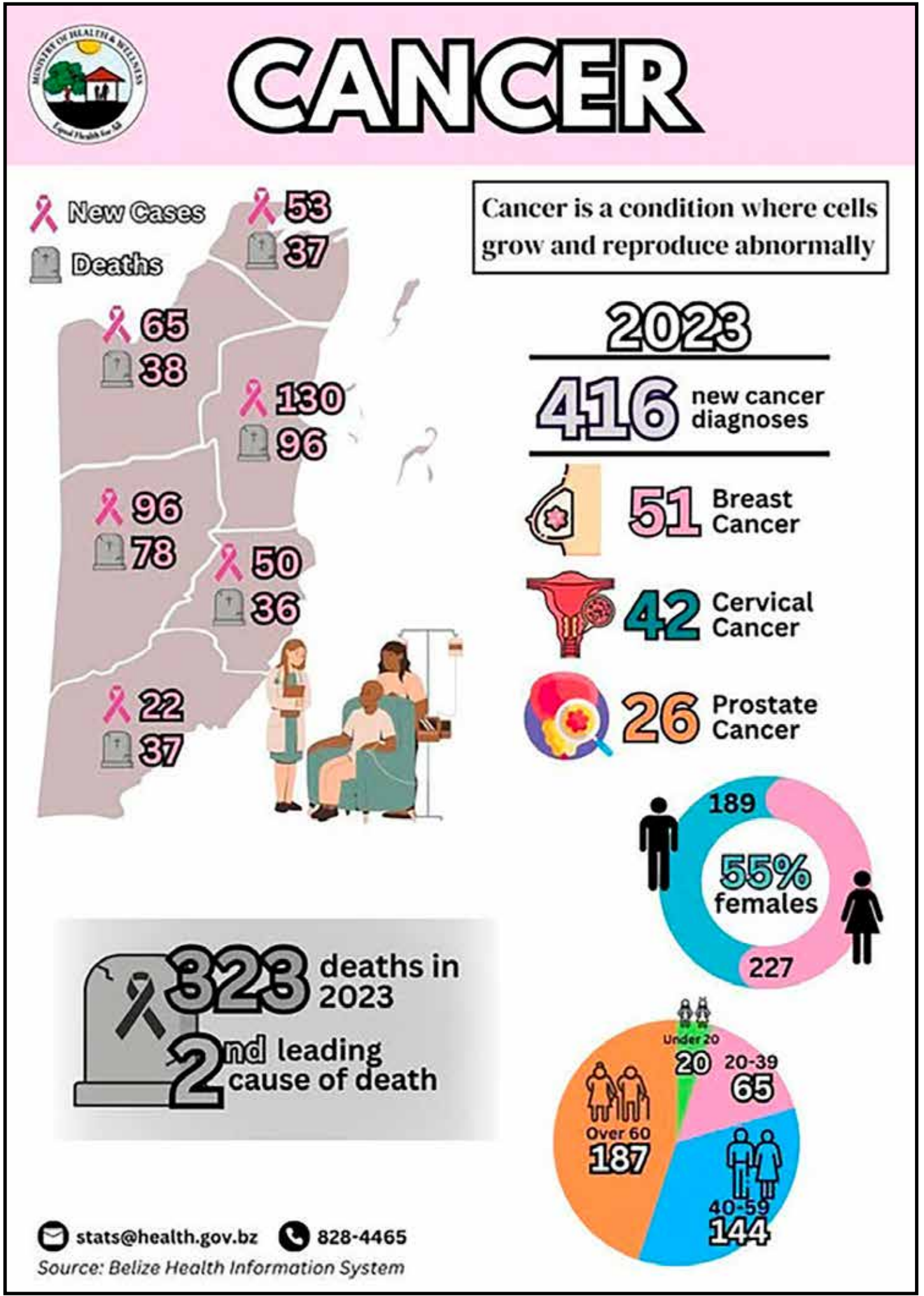
“For the second year in a row, I provided a prize for every participant of the Belmopan Comprehensive School Spanish Spelling Bee competition!

In most competitions only the top three get prizes, but I wanted all participants to win a cash prize for taking the jump and risk in this competition!

Today, I handed over \$50 to each brave participant while the top three got other additional prizes from other organizations!

Well done Compre! Well done organizers. And thank you to all the sponsors as well!

Next year should be bigger and better! Education is my priority; it always has been! - Hon. Oscar Mira



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BMP in LOVE – Night Market

The Belmopan City Council's has categorized its Night Market Love Edition as “an incredible success!” This is Belmopan’s version of Belize City’s Super Sale but of course with its own capital flavor.

The innovation that oozes out at each of the version of their Night Market is truly Belizean remarkable. It is planBelize pop shop exemplified at par excellence. The MSME road show must be proud as their teachings can be seen everywhere in Belize and also in Belmopan.

The Belmopan City Council shouts out a big thank you to everyone who joined us, sharing in the love, joy, and community spirit that make Belmopan so special.

The BMP CC’s pictures captured the cheerful faces, heartwarming moments, and pure love that filled the night.



IN THE HIGH COURT OF BELIZE, A.D. 2024

CLAIM NO. 638 OF 2024

	(IAN WHITE	APPLICANT/CLAIMANT
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BETWEEN	(	AND
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	(LARRY GOSS	1 ST RESPONDENT/DEFENDANT
	(AG’S MINISTRY	2 ND RESPONDENT/DEFENDANT
	(MIN. OF NATURAL RESOURCES	3 RD RESPONDENT/
		DEFENDANT

TO: LARRY GOSS, Lots Nos. 1 and 2, along Yaha Creek and approximately One Mile East of the Sibun River, Cayo District, Belize.

TAKE Notice that Fixed Date Claim No. 638 of 2024 has been filed against you in the High Court of Belize by IAN WHITE of No. 88 Burns Avenue, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District, Belize, in which the Claimant claims a declaration that the First Defendant procured title to Lot Nos. 1 and 2 situate along Yaha Creek and approximately One Mile east of the Sibun River, Cayo District, Belize, by fraud, and claims orders for cancellation of the First Defendant’s title and reconveyance into the Claimant’s sole name.

AND THAT on the 6 th of December, 2024, the High Court of Belize ordered that service of the Fixed Date Claim Form be effected on you by publishing this Notice for two consecutive weeks.

AND THAT you are ordered to file an Acknowledgement of Service within 28 days from the second publication of this Notice, and to file a Defence within 42 days from the second publication of this Notice. In default of such filings, judgement may be entered against you.

DATED the 14th day of January, 2025


BRADLEY & COMAPANY
Attorneys-at-Law for the Claimant
21 Dean Street, Belize City, Belize

Facts about HPV

What is HPV?

- HPV stands for human papilloma virus.
- HPV can affect both men and women.
- HPV infections are responsible for over 90% of cervical cancer cases.



What causes cervical cancer?

Cervical cancer is caused by PERSISTENT HPV infections.

Women at risk for cervical cancer:

- Have multiple partners
- Smoker
- Childbirth before age 17
- Have more than 3 children
- Poor immune system
- Never been screened or screened irregularly for cervical cancer



Why should you get tested?

To detect the presence of high risk HPV viruses 16, 18 and others that cause cervical cancer.

The HPV test is now available at your nearest health facility country wide.

Article from 'El Tiempo'

Belize bate nuevos récords de llegadas de turistas que pernoctaron en 2024



Por Camilo Andrés Peña Castañeda

Conocido por su rico patrimonio cultural y sus impresionantes paisajes naturales, Belize, situado en América Central, logró un avance histórico en 2024. Las cifras preliminares indican que el turismo de pernoctación superó los niveles anteriores a la pandemia en el año de referencia 2019. Este hito refleja los esfuerzos colectivos de toda la industria turística. En 2024, Belize recibió 562.405 visitantes que pernoctaron, lo que representa un aumento del 21 % en comparación con 2023 y un aumento del 11,8 % en comparación con 2019.

Según cifras del destino, 11 de los 12 meses batieron récords en comparación con 2019, destacando a marzo como el mes pico, atrayendo a 69.202 visitantes.

"A medida que Belize aprovecha este impulso, las perspectivas para 2025 son más prometedoras, con grandes oportunidades para elevar aún más la experiencia de los visitantes y atraer a nuevos viajeros a experimentar los encantos del destino, que es un verdadero tesoro cuando se trata de atracciones turísticas, culturales y gastronómicas", asegura el destino en un comunicado.

Con 290 kilómetros de costa, Belize es un paraíso de playas de arena blanca bañadas por aguas cristalinas. Entre sus atractivos naturales y principales atracciones turísticas se destaca la barrera de coral de Belize, declarada Patrimonio de la Humanidad por la UNESCO, la mayor barrera de coral viva del hemisferio norte y la segunda del mundo. También destaca por su abundante selva tropical, donde los visitantes pueden explorar antiguos yacimientos arqueológicos Maya.

Travel Pulse: Belize Recorded Double-Digit Land Visitor Growth in 2024

By Brian Major

Belize reached milestone territory in 2024 with a whopping 21 percent year-over-year increase in overnight, land-based visitors. Last year's visitor total also represents an increase over pre-pandemic arrival numbers for the country. According to "preliminary figures" reported in late January by the Belize Tourism Board (BTB), Belize hosted 562,405 overnight visitors in 2024, representing increases of 21 percent over 2023 and 11.8 percent compared with 2019.

Record arrivals were achieved in 11 of the year's 12 months compared to 2019, said BTB officials, with March emerging as Belize's peak land arrivals month with 69,202 visitors.

Prospects for 2025 are "even more

promising" said BTB officials, as the country has embarked on a \$250 million expansion of Philip Goldson International Airport (PGIA), with the goal of ren-

ovating the outdated facility to accommodate more passengers and increase flight operations. The project will bring upgrades including an expanded apron and new taxiway designed to enable the accommodation of more aircraft, plus an enlarged terminal building and new jet bridges and shopping options, said Kal Habet, chairman of PIGA's Aero Dispatch Services, in a local news report.

Belize is presently served from the U.S. by flights from Miami and Dallas aboard American Airlines, via Houston with United Airlines, from Atlanta with Delta Air Lines and from New York on JetBlue Airways, United Airlines and Delta Air Lines.

Belize's success attracting land-based visitors in 2024 was not matched in the cruise sector. The nation hosted 764,993 cruise ships visitors through November of last year according to BTB data, representing a 1.6 percent decline from the

777,626 cruise passengers hosted during the same period in 2023.

Belize's cruise tourism sector has recovered 73.1 percent of the arrivals the destination reported in 2019, according to BTB data.

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MARICULTURE REGULATION DEVELOPMENT CONSULTATION

February 4, 2025 - The Belize Fisheries Department, in collaboration with The Nature Conservancy by way of a contractual arrangement, retained the services of a consultancy team to support the Government of Belize in the development and drafting of mariculture-specific regulations. This process will be guided through various policy frameworks, such as the Fisheries Resources Act, Chapter 210 of the Laws of Belize, The Fisheries Policy, the Belize National Mariculture Policy 2022, Belize Blue Economy Development Policy, Strategy and Implementation Plan 2022 – 2027, and the Blue Economy Investment Promotion Strategy in Belize 2024. It is envisaged that the regulations will enable the Fisheries Department to effectively oversee and regulate the sustainable development and growth of the mariculture sector and promote private sector participation and investment. Additionally, the mariculture regulations will be appropriately aligned with existing legislation falling outside of the legal mandate of the Fisheries Department.

The primary purpose of this consultancy is to draft regulations to support the development of a sustainable mariculture industry in Belize.

The regulations developed are required to:

- a. Ensure that the regulations are aligned with the guiding policy documents and existing legal framework, specifically Part XIII of the Fisheries Resource Act.
- b. Ensure that any regulations developed consider regional and international frameworks.
- c. Conduct an inclusive participatory consultative process involving relevant key stakeholders, including women, youths, and vulnerable groups in the development of the regulations.

The Consultancy team consists of Mr. Nicanor Requena, a biologist and fisheries management expert with over 20 years of experience in marine conservation, fisheries management, and community outreach, as lead consultant, along with Mr. Edd Usher, a trained attorney-at-law with specialization in legislative drafting, and Mr. Eugene Ariola, an oceanographer with expertise in Coastal Zone management and aquaculture. The consultancy began on December 2, 2024, and should be completed on or before February 27, 2026. The relevant agencies and stakeholders will be consulted in the coming months, as to be announced by the Fisheries Department. (release)

The Blue Economy is a Ministry that arose from planBelize’s policy of ensuring that everybody fih win. Today, we can see a more vibrant fishing industry that is sustainable and looking forward to a future under the protection and funding under the Blue Bond terms. If there is anything that the UDP can claim zero to is all the achievements of the Blue Economy—a brand new planBelize Ministry. The effects of consultations like these are truly overarching since, similar to the sugar industry, a significant portion of the economy is influence directly and indirectly by the mariculture industry.

This is another example of a Belize economy poised for even more transformative growth beyond what is already being felt in bank accounts, pockets and dinner tables.

GoB Strengthens Transport Regulations at Border Points

The Ministry of Youth, Sports & Transport, through the Department of Transport, informs the public that the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Regulation of Transport at Border Points) Regulations have been amended by Statutory Instrument No. 19 of 2025, published in the Gazette on February 3, 2025. This amendment follows extensive engagement with the Corozal and Benque Viejo Municipal Authorities and Belizean commercial truck operators, who have been negatively impacted by inadequate border transport regulations.

Key amendments include a reduction in road service charges from \$100 per vehicle axle to \$30 per vehicle axle, which will be applied to both foreign-registered and Belizean-registered vehicles transporting cargo for commercial purposes into Belize. These changes are

expected to generate much-needed revenue for border municipalities, which will be directed toward improving public roads and other essential infrastructure projects. Additionally, the amendments will eliminate evasion of fees by foreign cargo transporters, ensuring a more equitable system that protects Belizean businesses and strengthens the framework of the country's commercial transport sector.

Hon. Rodwell Ferguson, Minister of Youth, Sports, and Transport, emphasized the importance of these regulatory updates, stating, “These amendments reflect our commitment to strengthening Belize’s land transportation infrastructure while ensuring an efficient and transparent system for cross-border trade and travel.” The Ministry remains committed to fair and effective transport policies that promote national development.



Supply and Delivery of Furniture and Equipment (Goods) REQUEST FOR BIDS

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Strengthening Public Expenditure Management in Belize (SPEM)
Loan No.: 5353/0C-BL
Process ID: BL-L1038-P00100
Deadline: Thursday February 20, 2025; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received eight million US Dollars (US \$8M) in loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Project – Strengthening Public Expenditure Management in Belize. The Central Executing Unit to the Ministry of Finance, an executing agency of the Borrower, intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan to perform the purchase of Goods (hereinafter called “Goods”): Supply and Delivery of Furniture and Equipment

The Central Executing Unit now invites eligible bidders to submit sealed quotation for the Supply, Delivery and Installation for the following lots of items:

No.	Item	Brief Description	Quantity
Lot 1	Equipment	Equipment	Available in bidding documents
Lot 2	Furniture	Furniture	Available in bidding documents
Lot 3	Office Furniture	Office Furniture	Available in bidding documents

Bidders are allowed to quote for ALL Lots or Bidders are allowed to quote on either one
(1) Of the Lots. All items per lot must be included to be considered responsive.

For further information and to obtain the complete bidding document, peruse the link below
<https://mof.gov.bz/procurement-opportunities/>

Bids can be delivered to the address below or submit electronically no later than **10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time) on Thursday February 20, 2025. Late bids will be rejected.**

Therese Johnston
Procurement Specialist Assistant
Central Executing Unit
Ministry of Finance
2nd Floor, Sir Edney Cain Building
Belmopan City
Tel: 501-828-9228
tjohnston.ceu@cpu.mof.gov.bz

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PM Briceño w/ Hon. Landy Habet and Hon. Ramon Cervantes



Meeting with SDCC Staff and Tour of the Green Complex Building in Cayo Northeast

Hon. Ramiro Ramirez, Corozal Southwest



More hands on work with his people

Standard Bearer Thea Garcia Ramirez, Corozal Bay



Menstruation & Menopause Workshop

Swearing-in's - Hon. Osmond Martinez' Toledo East



United Women's Group



Belize Youth Movement

Hon. Rodwell Ferguson, Stann Creek West



Launch of a basketball tournament

Hon. Ramon Cervantes, Orange Walk North



Massive Support solidifies commitment

Standard Bearer David Castillo & crew in OW North



Leading his crew in cleanup of roadside

Hon. Julius Espat, MIDH in Belize City



More DRY allowing more work on the Philip Goldson Highway

Hon Oscar Mira in Belmopan



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Hon. Jose Mai, Orange Walk South



Always in touch with the people, hands on worker

Hon. Michel Chebat, Cayo North



Water Consultations w/ SIF in Bullet Tree

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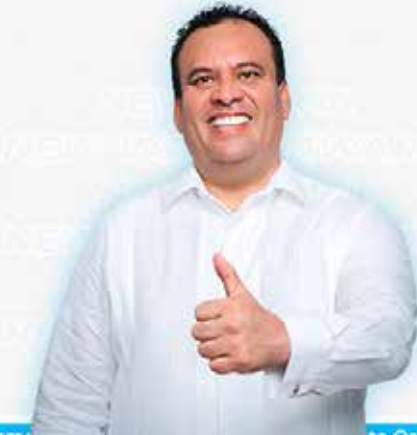
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Hon. Henry Charles, Fort George



Meeting the people

Hon. Requena, Toledo West



Visiting a new road worksite

Hon. Osmond Martinez, Toledo East



Man of the people



w/ MIDH & TC, Joe Taylor Bridge underway in PG

Hon. Francis Fonseca, Freetown



In Education and his area, a champ in serving

Hon Anthony Mahler, Pickstock and Landy Habet, Cayo Northeast



One example of planBelize collaboration, El Cayo Boardwalk

National Health Insurance coming to Cayo
Consultation with the medical community



In Benque, San Ignacio & Santa Elena



In Belmopan

Hon. Julius Espat, Cayo South & all over the country



Frank's Eddie village park

Hon. Marconi Leal, Belize Rural North



Hotmix paving of road by Maskall; Marconi Jr. will surely continue in his father's footsteps

Department of Youth Services YOUTHS COMPLETE SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAM

On Wednesday January 28th Minister of State for Youth, Sports, and Transport Gilroy Usher was the Guest Speaker in Corozal and Orange Walk Towns for the closing ceremony for over two dozen youth who completed the six months’ skills training program offered by the Department of Youth Services (DYS).

In his remarks, Minister of State Gilroy Usher reiterated the importance of having self-confidence, complying with the rules of the work place, and going the extra mile in performing one’s duties to be better prepared to take advantage of promotion opportunities. Minister of State Gilroy Usher also reminded the youth to be the best possible employees, and save regularly to be in a better position to start one’s own business or pursue further studies to be more productive at work with better salaries.

The trainees were offered tutoring in customer care, adjusting to changing work place, small business management, office procedures, and various trades among other things. At the end of the training program a number of trainees were offered permanent employment by businesses that were impressed with their performance.

Other persons in attendance for the closing ceremony were Walton Garbutt Deputy Director DYS, Mrs. Tanya Dander-son. Manager On-the-Job Training Program DYS, coordinators for DYS in Corozal and Orange Walk District, and parents among others.



ASSISTANCE FOR FIRE VICTIM

Port Loyola Area Representative Hon. Gilroy visits Pen Rd Ext to offer assistance to a constituent after her wooden home was completely destroyed by fire on Monday February 4th. Hon. Usher’s assistance will come after making a needs assessment with the family. Obviously, there has been immediate need. His visit is a part of assessing the help that will be provided in the short term and, then, in a more lasting manner.



Belize National Prayer

Almighty and Eternal God, who through Jesus Christ has revealed Your Glory to all nations, please protect and preserve Belize, our beloved country.

God of might, wisdom and justice, please assist our Belizean government and people with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude.

Let Your light of Your divine wisdom direct their plans and endeavours so that with Your help we may attain our just objectives.

With Your guidance, may all our endeavours tend to peace, social justice, liberty, national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety and useful knowledge.

We pray, O God of Mercy, for all of us that we may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of Your most holy law, that we may be preserved in union and, in that peace which the world itself cannot give.

And, after enjoying the blessings of this life, please admit us, dear Lord, to that eternal reward that You have prepared for those who love You.

Amen.



Country:	Belize
Donor:	Green Climate Fund (GCF)
Project Name:	Building the Adaptive Capacity of Sugarcane Farmers in Northern Belize (BaCSuF)
Contract Title:	a. Transformation Specialist b. (4) Transformation Officers c. Project Technical Officer
Contract #:	a. 08/2025/GCF/BacSuF/Belize/CCCCC b. 14/2025/GCF/BacSuF/Belize/CCCCC c. 15/2025/GCF/BacSuF/Belize/CCCCC
Estimated Start Date:	February 2025
Deadline for Submission:	on or before 2:00 p.m. Belize Time (GMT-6), Friday, 21 February 2025

The Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC) has received grant funding from the Green Climate Fund for Building the Adaptive Capacity of Sugarcane Farmers in Northern Belize Project (BaCSuF).

- The CCCCC intends to use part of the proceeds of the grant for the following contracts:
- a. “Transformation Specialist”
 - b. “(4) Transformation Officers”
 - c. “Project Technical Officer”

The detailed Request for Expression of Interest, Terms of Reference and other related documents can be downloaded at: <https://caribbeanclimate.bonfirehub.com/>

Requests for clarification should be received by the Centre no later than: **Friday, 7 February 2025.**

The deadline for submission of bids is **on or before 2:00pm (GMT-6), Friday, 21 February 2025** via the CCCCC electronic bidding box <https://caribbeanclimate.org/opportunities/>

The CCCCC is not bound to accept any bids received and may cancel the selection process at any time prior to the award of contract without liability.

Interested bidders that do not comply with the requirements set out in the REOI document may be disqualified.

The CCCCC is an equal opportunity employer.

Community Work in Queen's Square

Dr. McKay continued her community work and efforts to ensure that we are aware of the value of health. Students learned about cervical cancer.

To add, community members in Queen's Square had nurses, doctors and community health workers visit their community to offer free testing, share information and more.

Health is Wealth! Let's build a healthier Queen's Square!



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES

Country: *Belize*

Project: *Water Supply & Modernization Program*

Loan/Credit/Grant No.: *BL-L1043 (5754/OC-BL)*

Institution: *Belize Water Services*

Abstract: *Consulting services for drawings and designs for civil works, piping, and electrical installations and adaptations to improve operational performance of BWS with a focus on climate change adaptation and mitigation.*

Contract/Bid No.: *BL-L1043-P00007*

Deadline: *February 19, 2025*

The *Belize Water Services* has received financing from the *Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)*, toward the cost of the *Water Supply & Modernization Program* and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") for *Drawings and Designs for Civil Works, Piping, and Electrical Installations and Adaptations* include: *a survey and efficiency assessment of pumps and motors installed at BWS plants and pump stations (countrywide) which will be used to propose and size adequate measures to improve their energy efficiency including (but not limited to) replacement of equipment, as well as detailed civil, mechanical and electrical designs for the implementation of these proposals.*

The *Belize Water Services* now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. **Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.**

From the expressions of interest received, the Executing Agency will prepare a short list comprising not fewer than five (5) and not more than eight (8) eligible firms.

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2350-15 and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the policies.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture to enhance their qualifications. For the purpose of establishing the short list, the nationality of a firm is that of the country in which it is legally incorporated or constituted and in the case of Joint Venture, the nationality of the firm appointed to represent it.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the *QCBS* method set out in the Consultant Policies.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below by email by *February 19, 2025, by end of business day.*

Belize Water Services

Attn: *Ms. Jahnina Reyes, Procurement Specialist*

7 Central American Boulevard, Belize City, Belize C.A.

Tel: *+501-222-4757*

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E-Governance participates in Costa Rica In-Person Workshop

Political Leadership and Advocacy in Public Policies

On January 22 & 23rd, The E-Governance & Digitalization Department (EGDD) proudly participated in a significant workshop focused on enhancing women's leadership in the region, represented by Dr. Adriani Coleman, Director of the EGDD. This workshop was organized by El Centro Regional de Promoción de la Micro, Pequeña y Mediana Empresa (CENPROMYPE) in collaboration with the U.S. Embassy and the Central American Integration System (SICA).

In a show of solidarity for this initiative, the Minister of Public Utilities, Energy, Logistics, and E-Governance, Hon. Michel Chebat, expressed his endorsement through a letter, highlighting the importance of empowering women leaders in Belize. The Minister's letter was presented to the Executive Director of CENPROMYPE, David Cabrera. This interaction provides a space for dialogue and reinforces the commitment from MPUELE and EGDD. Furthermore, the E-Governance Department, under Hon. Michel Chebat's guidance, continues to empower women leaders and enhance their contributions to public policies and business initiatives in the region, as mandated in our National Digital Agenda under Pillars 1: ICT & Technology Enablers and 3: Digitalization for Recovery.

Alongside Dr. Coleman, other distinguished representatives from Belize included Katia Montenegro-Hoare, President of the International Network of Women in Business (NIME) Belize, and Jessica Reyes, Owner of Reyes Organic Beauty. These accomplished women joined an inspiring group of female leaders from across the SICA region, all dedicated to strengthening their leadership capabilities and advocating for women's roles in business and governance.

The workshop successfully identified and fostered essential competencies among participants, including structured learning, logical content delivery, and progress measurement based on established criteria. Participants also benefited from knowledge and skills aligned with the political and social needs of the region, promoting holistic development that emphasized both technical knowledge and soft skills necessary for transformational leadership.

MPUELE and EGDD extend their heartfelt thanks to the Executive Director of CENPROMYPE, David Cabrera, and to CENPROMYPE as a whole for their commitment to fostering women's empowerment and leadership in Belize and the region. (release)



REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS FOR SOCIAL SPECIALIST- (INDIVIDUAL)

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Promoting Sustainable Growth in the Blue Economy Program
Deadline: **February 24, 2025; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)**

The Government of Belize has received seven million US Dollars (US \$7M) in loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Project – Promoting Sustainable Growth in the Blue Economy Program. The general objective of the Promoting Sustainable Growth in the Blue Economy Program is to improve income generation capacity of artisanal fisherfolks and to maintain export levels of fisheries products while contributing to the sustainable use of commercial oceanic resources.

The specific objectives are to:

- (i) enhance the Government's ability to sustainably manage key commercial species in the fisheries sector and
- (ii) promote the adoption of sustainable technologies and best fishing practices by artisanal fisherfolks.

The program is comprised of two (2) components that will support the achievement of the objectives. The consultancy/assignment is aligned Component 1 Enabling environment for sustainable and resilient management of the fisheries sector and Component 2 Direct support to artisanal fisherfolk.

The Ministry of Finance is now launching the process to fill a contractual position for a “**Social Specialist**” under the Project. The general objective of this consultancy is to contract the services of a professional to oversee the execution of projects under the CEU by coordinating social and gender aspects of assigned projects from start to finish, to ensure compliance with the required social safeguards required for the smooth and successful implementation of the projects.

The Ministry of Finance invites eligible individuals to apply for the position of **Social Specialist**. Further details, including the required application template and full Terms of Reference, can be obtained online at <https://mof.gov.bz/procurement-opportunities/> or by scanning the QR Code below. Interested individuals must provide information demonstrating that they have met the required qualifications and possess relevant experience to perform the Services.

The selection for this contractual position will be in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: [Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank](#) GN-2350-15 and the Government of Belize policies and best practices and is open to all eligible candidates as defined in the policies. The Consultants will be selected based on qualifications including a positive professional reference check.

Qualified individuals should submit one (1) pdf file in English, using the required template, via e-mail to khamilton.ceu@cpu.mof.gov.bz or two (2) hardcopies of their application to the address below clearly indicating “**Social Specialist (BL-L1042)**”- name of consultant

The Extended Deadline for submission is no later than **Monday, February 24, 2025, by 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)** No late submissions will be accepted. Hard copies of the application should be submitted to the following address:

Karon Hamilton
Procurement Specialist Assistant
Central Executing Unit
Ministry of Finance
Sir Edney Cain Building
Tel: 501-822-4106

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Ref: **Social Specialist (BL-L1040)** - Your name



VOICE OF THE COMMON MAN

BELIZE'S LEADERSHIP & THE IMPACTS OF THE NEW DEVELOPING GLOBAL POLITICAL SYSTEM OF 2025

By Hilly Bennett

Undeniably, 2025 will be a year of the greatest economic change in the world, transcending the globalization conversation of yesteryear. A result of the re-election of the 47th President of the United States, Donald Trump and a slew of his on-going executive orders being signed into force. The wanton effects will be felt across regions including the Caribbean, Mexico and the European Union. One of Trump's most concerning decisions is the imposition of [tariffs]. Incidentally, the Belize economy is based on tariffs as Belize is an import country and depends on import taxes. President Donald Trump announced his intention to reintroduce tariffs on imports from Canada (25%), Mexico (25%), and China (10%). This political decision has prompted intended retaliatory measures from the three nations and is escalating tensions that could have far-reaching consequences for these nations and creating a trickle-down effect on smaller economies, such as CARICOM, and Central America including Belize.

However, there are inherent mitigating factors that can stave off the ill effects of Trump's egregious tariffs decision existing in the Belizean economy. Presently, the Belizean economy is in good stead, considering that the People's United Party (PUP) Government, the John Briceño administration had to resurrect a spiraling economy that was already over the financial cliff due to the Dean Barrow maladministration. Economic indicators have shown steady growth with a GDP growth for 2024 of 10.55% and the government has improved its macroeconomic policies to ensure continued economic growth going into 2025. The Fiscal Incentive Act and the Designated Processing Areas Act, Economic Zones and the various support initiatives for Small, Micro and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) are intended to be drivers of the economy, attracting Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) as well as local investment. One of the most important strengths of a country's economy is its currency. In Belize, there is no need to worry about currency fluctuations because of the stability of the economy and the momentum gaining, with the US dollar getting stronger. Although economic growth is considered first and foremost in economic recovery, the John Briceño Government have reduced the unemployment rate to 3.5% which is projected to go as low as 2.1% in 2025 and slashed poverty from 35.4% in 2021 to 22.1% in 2024. This is a reflection of currency is hedged to the US currency a responsible government and the essence of transformational leadership. Leadership that has replaced the virus

corrupt and incompetent UDP and is navigating the potential political, social and economic challenges that are foreboding from the pathological narcissist, Donald Trump.

Two industries that have been monumental in the economic growth of the Belizean economy are the Tourism Industry which is the biggest

industry and Business Process Outsourcing (BPOs), the second biggest industry. Importantly, none of the two industries will be impacted by tariffs. The accommodation industry saw an increase of 20.7 %. In 2024 the tourism industry had the highest level of overnight tourism with 562,405 arrivals without cruise tourism passengers with 28 direct flights coming from the US. March was the peak month with 69, 202 arrivals. This also had a trickle-down effect on other areas. Another booming industry that is beyond Trump's tariffs' reach is the construction industry and investors coming to Belize to build their corpo-

rate offices.

Nonetheless, the government has not been complacent and is proactive in new initiatives that will buffer external realities of the future. PM Briceño's push for the reach of Tren Maya will be the ultimate venture to take the Jewel over the top. Both in increasing opportunities in tourism and trade expansion. As the PUP Government seeks another term in office, the John Briceño Government has put the country in the catbird seat with a proactive approach to infrastructure improvement, marketing and policy engagement, that is the essence of a true leader.



Solid Waste Management Authority
Ministry of Sustainable Development,
Climate Change

RELAUNCH

REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR THE BELOW PROJECT

Belize Solid Waste Management Authority
Operation of the Regional Sanitary Landfill of the Regional Sanitary Land – Mile 24 George Price Highway
BSWAMA Mile 24 Contract No: 0001-24/25

The Belize Solid Waste Management Authority through the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Climate Change intends to contract the services of a service provider for the maintenance of the Regional Sanitary Landfill at Mile 24 George Price Highway.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS

Operate and manage the Regional Landfill Facility's final disposal area to: Receive, store, and dispose of solid waste; compact and cover the disposed solid waste; involves the upkeep of the internal roads and drainage system.

The Operator is required to provide a bulldozer to spread, compact and bury solid waste delivered to the working face of the Mile 24 Regional Sanitary Landfill, in a safe and efficient manner.

1. The Belize Solid Waste Management Authority now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for this purpose as described in the bidding document.
2. The Request for Bids will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures and is open to all qualified bidders.
3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Belize Solid Waste Management Authority office and obtain a copy of the bidding document at the address given below from Monday to Friday 8:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.
4. Qualifications requirements include *technical, financial, legal and other requirements*. Additional details are provided in the Bidding Documents.
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be obtained by interested bidders on the submission of a written request or email to the address below. The Bidding Documents will then be sent to the prospective bidder.
6. Bids must be delivered to the address below, on or before the deadline on February 17, 2025 at 10:00 am and Bids will be opened on the February 17, 2025 at the same below address on the same date at 10:30am.
7. Electronic bidding will **not be accepted**. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below. All bids must be accompanied by a *Bid-Securing Declaration*.
8. The address referred is:

Belize Solid Waste Management Authority
Attn: Procurement Officer
3013 Bougainvillea Street, Orchid Garden Area
City of Belmopan, Belize, C.A.
Tel: (501) 802 1527, PO Box 285
E-mail: ArzuTL@gobmail.gov.bz & procurement@solidwaste.gov.bz

Thea: Corozal Bay Standard Bearer and NWS Chair Breaking the stigma, one conversation at a time!

“Our Menstruation & Menopause Workshop brought women and girls together to learn, share, and ask the questions that matter. From understanding our cycles to navigating menopause, it was all about knowledge, support, and open discussions.

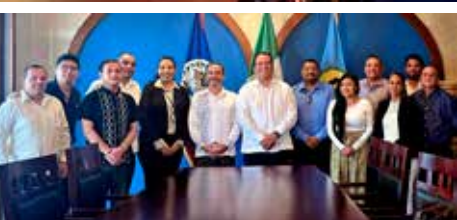
A big thank you to everyone who participated. Let’s keep normalizing these conversations!”

Editor: Thea has already broken that proverbial glass ceiling and is now moving forward to bring more lasting gains in the lives of Belizeans. When any group in Belize is uplifted, the lives of all Belizeans are altogether lifted as well. Women, our mothers, take that notion to an exponential level. When women are empowered with greater skill sets, knowledge and self-marketability then their families benefit and the individuals in the family themselves become priceless human assets.

The People’s United Party takes its name seriously. We are truly democratically of, for and by Belizeans who are on the path of winning. PM Briceño and team have Belize on that path and there is little to no room for reversals. Belize is moving with harnessed yet unequalled power. Such power comes from a people whose potential is just being tapped. Belizeans are on the Right Track, Vamos Bien!



Belize and Quintana Roo Strengthen Trade and Investment Ties



February 5, 2025 - The Hon. Osmond Martinez, Minister of State for Foreign Trade in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, met with a high-level delegation from the Secretariat of Economic Development of Quintana Roo to explore opportunities for deepening trade and investment collaboration between Belize and the Mexican state.

The Mexican delegation was led by Paul Carillo de Cáceres, Secretary of Economic Development, and included key officials responsible for economic planning, investment attraction, industry development, and trade facilitation. Discussions centered on strengthening commercial linkages, facilitating investment, and enhancing business cooperation to improve market access and logistics between the two territories.

During the meeting, Minister Martinez emphasized Belize’s interest in utilizing its ports to enhance trade connectivity with Mexico, particularly as port renovations advance. Both sides also discussed transportation linkages, including the potential expansion of the Tren Maya project into Belize, which could open new avenues for trade and tourism.

The dialogue also highlighted the strategic role of the Corozal and Chetumal Free Zones, exploring initiatives to boost infrastructure, logistics, and investment attraction. Minister Martinez reiterated that Belize presents an opportunity for Mexican businesses to access the CARICOM market, provided they meet Rules of Origin requirements through investments in Belize.

Key outcomes of the meeting included:
- Agreement to establish working groups

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REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - (INDIVIDUAL) & SYSTEMS ANALYST- (INDIVIDUAL)

Institution: Central Executing Unit, Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Trade and Investment Facilitation Program for Belize (TIFP)
Deadline: **February 24, 2025; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)**

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Project – Trade and Investment Facilitation Program for Belize (TIFP). The Trade and Investment Facilitation Program is a response to the low investment flows and limited international trade competitiveness faced by Belize. The general objective of the program is to promote Belize’s foreign direct investment and trade performance.

The Ministry of Finance invites eligible individuals to apply for the contractual position of “**Administrative Assistant**” and “**Systems Analyst**”. Further details, including the required application template and full Terms of Reference, can be obtained online at <https://mof.gov.bz/procurement-opportunities/> or by scanning the QR Code below. Interested individuals must provide information demonstrating that they have met the required qualifications and possess relevant experience to perform the services.

The selection for this contractual position will be in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2350-15 and the Government of Belize policies and best practices and is open to all eligible candidates as defined in the policies. The Consultants will be selected based on qualifications.

Applicants should submit one (1) pdf file in English, using the required template, via e-mail to tjoseph.ceu@cpu.mof.gov.bz or two (2) hardcopies of their application to the address below clearly indicating “**Administrative Assistant (BL-L1040)**” or “**Systems Analyst (BL-L1040)**” - name of consultant.

The deadline for submission is no later than **Monday, February 24, 2025, by 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)**. No late submissions will be accepted.

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Ref: **Administrative Assistant (BL-L1040)** - Your name

Ref: **Systems Analyst (BL-L1040)** - Your name

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Osmond Martinez Continues Tour of Toledo East

A Step Toward Enhancing Global Market Position

Visits Coconut Company in Bella Vista

Hon. Dr. Osmond Martinez, Minister of State for Foreign Trade, and officials from the Directorate General for Foreign Trade visited the Obregon Coconut Company Ltd in Bella Vista Village on Thursday, January 23. This visit underscores the importance of agriculture in Belize's trade strategy and fostering political support for local businesses.

Obregon Coconut Company Ltd., established in 2018, cultivates Hybrid Chacumel and Brazilian Green Dwarf coconuts across 3,500 acres, with over 2,100 acres utilizing advanced drip irrigation. The company has experienced significant growth, harvesting more than two million coconuts in 2024 and projecting an estimated 10 million in 2025, solidifying its position as a key player in Belize's agricultural sector. Ambitious expansion plans include a state-of-the-art packing station slated for completion between 2025 and 2026, along with active pursuit of export opportunities within CARICOM, the United States, and the European Union. This demonstrates a strong focus on value-added production and future international market penetration.

During the visit, company representatives discussed key operational challenges, including drought, pest management, and labor shortages, while requesting govern-



ment support for irrigation infrastructure, pest control solutions, and more facilitative labour importation policies. Minister Martinez affirmed the government's commitment to addressing these challenges and fostering a supportive environment for agricultural businesses. He emphasized that boosting agricultural productivity aligns

directly with Belize's national trade policies, which prioritize export diversification and overall economic growth. The Minister noted the importance of supporting innovative enterprises, like Obregon, to expand Belize's presence in international markets and achieve sustainable economic growth, while reiterating the government's commitment to collaborating with similar businesses to overcome obstacles and unlock their full global potential.

This visit demonstrates Belize's pro-

active approach to empowering local businesses, fostering strategic trade partnerships, and strengthening its position as a leading exporter of high-quality, sustainable agricultural products. It sends a clear message to international partners that Belize is open for business and dedicated to developing a robust agricultural export sector. (release)

Editor: Still fresh off his summer of 2024 bye-election win, Dr. Martinez is proving to be a formidable area representative that is not content with winning at the polls. He promised to make Toledo East an economic powerhouse in the area when compared to even the immense trade potential his constituency offers, to and for Toledo, to and for Belize, and with the Central American neighbours. Corozal ogle at Quintana Roo, specifically and Mexico, in general, then Martinez proposes that Toledo East can ogle at Honduras/Guatemala and Central America. All in all, any win by Toledo is a win for the nation which is already making strides economically. There is plenty of more room for winning as we deh Right Pan Track...¡Vamos bien!!

Belize and Quintana Roo Strengthen Trade and Investment Ties

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to address customs facilitation, trade logistics, and investment opportunities.

- Exploring bilateral trade in value-added products
- Strengthening business-to-business linkages through trade missions and networking opportunities.
- Reviewing border trade facilitation measures, including customs procedures and migration policies, to streamline movement and trade between the two jurisdictions.

Both parties reaffirmed their commitment to reinforcing economic cooperation and fostering mutually beneficial trade relationships. A follow-up meeting between Belizean and Mexican border authorities has been proposed to address logistical and regulatory challenges at key trade entry points.

This engagement builds on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between Belize and Quintana Roo three years ago, which aims to enhance private sector investment and economic integration. Minister Martinez underscored the need for sustained collaboration to maximize the economic potential of both regions.

Minister Martinez was supported by senior officials from the Directorate General of Foreign Trade under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade; the Executive Director of BELTRAIDE; and the Director of Investment Policy and Compliance Unit. (release)

Trade discussion with our neighbours are invaluable. Their sheer size makes the exports market a tempting one but Belize must market itself and have the product at the requested standards. Like all countries, Mexico protects its market but lately due to planBelize and our policies they are more open to the great quality of our product. Cattle for example has been welcome by our neighbours. We are looking for more. The crux in any deal is that they benefit and we benefit as well; thus the negotiation is important. Belize has proven herself from Blue Bond level and many other loan agreements so negotiation is a forte.



REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)

Supply and Delivery of Vehicles – Pickup Trucks Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security, and Enterprises (MAFSE)

Institution: Central Executing Unit, Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Sustainable and Inclusive Belize
Process ID: BL-L1041-P00048
Deadline: February 18, 2025; 11:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received fifteen million US Dollars (US \$15M) in loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Project – Sustainable and Inclusive Belize. The Central Executing Unit, Ministry of Finance, an executing agency of the Borrower, intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan to perform the purchase of Goods (hereinafter called “Goods”): Supply and Delivery of Vehicles – Pick Up Trucks -MAFSE.

The Ministry of Finance now invites eligible bidders to submit sealed quotation for the “Supply and Delivery of Vehicles” for the following:

No.	Item	Brief Description	Quantity	Lot #
1	Pickup truck	4 x 4 Double Cab	2	1

Interested suppliers may obtain the complete Bidding Document online at <https://mof.gov.bz/procurement-opportunities/> or by scanning the QR Code below. This Request for Bids (RFB) shall be governed by the Policies for the Procurement of Goods and Works Financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2349-15 and by the Government of Belize policies and best practices. The contract will be awarded to the bidder determined to be substantially responsive to the RFB Documents and represents the lowest evaluated cost.

Suppliers should submit One (1) Original and Two (2) Copies in a seal envelope and delivered to the address below by **Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 11:00 am (Local Belize Time)**. Electronic submission is not permitted. **Late bids will be rejected.**

Trudy Joseph
Procurement Specialist
Ministry of Finance
2nd Flood, Sir Edney Cain Building, Belmopan
Tel: 501-822-4106
tjoseph.ceu@cpu.mof.gov.bz

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Ref: *Supply and Delivery of Vehicles – Pickup Trucks – MAFSE* – Name of Supplier

Expanding Access to Education in Toledo!

#YourMoECST is committed to ensuring that every student has access to quality education! The Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology is pleased to announce a new school bus run for the University of Belize – Punta Gorda campus, making higher education more accessible for students in rural Toledo.

In line with the BESplan and PlanBelize, the government continues to work to meet the needs of the students in Toledo. They are doing this in many ways, particularly through the Belize Education Upliftment Project, which already guarantees that every child in the Toledo District can access free secondary education. #EducateBelize

Ministry of Education: On Belmopan Baptist Teachers' Sickout

Minister Francis Fonseca stated that the Ministry of Education, Culture, Science & Technology is aware of the issues at the Belmopan Baptist School: "We are aware of the issues and the concerns that have been raised."

On Wednesday February 5, 2024, at least half the total number of teachers at the Belmopan Baptist High School in the Capital City called in sick as part of a protest action. They're communicated being upset over what they describe as unethical and disrespectful actions by the school's administration. The teachers demanded an audit to investigate potential mismanagement of funds. Minister of Education Fonseca has acknowledged the situation, stating that the Ministry is aware of the teachers' concerns and is taking steps to address them the school board and management.

The refusal to show up for work is significant and definitely will affect the students and teaching progress. The sudden protest, which involved nine out of seventeen teachers, stems from long-standing grievances with the school's administration. Teachers have expressed frustration over 'constant disrespect,' and, reportedly, unlawful terminations, and intimidation.

The Belizean public is therefore alerted that this is a matter within the school and not a protest against the Government of Belize.



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REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)

Supply and Delivery of Vehicle – Passenger Van

Ministry of Blue Economy and Disaster Risk Management (MBEDRM)

Institution:

Country:

Project:

Loan No.:

Process ID:

Deadline:

Ministry of Finance

Belize

Promoting Sustainable Growth in the Blue Economy Program

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BL-L1042-P00007

February 18, 2025; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received seven million US Dollars (US \$7M) in loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Project – Promoting Sustainable Growth in the Blue Economy Program. The Central Executing Unit, Ministry of Finance, an executing agency of the Borrower, intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan to perform the purchase of Goods (hereinafter called “Goods”): **Supply and Delivery of Vehicle – Passenger Van - MBEDRM.**

The Ministry of Finance now invites eligible bidders to submit sealed quotation for the “Supply and Delivery of Vehicle” for the following:

No.	Item	Brief Description	Quantity	Lot #
1	Passenger Van	Passenger capacity 14 – Including the driver	1	1

Interested suppliers may obtain the complete Bidding Document online at <https://mof.gov.bz/procurement-opportunities/> or by scanning the QR Code below. This Request for Bids (RFB) shall be governed by the Policies for the Procurement of Goods and Works Financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2349-15 and by the Government of Belize policies and best practices. The contract will be awarded to the Bidder determined to be substantially responsive to the RFB Documents and represents the lowest evaluated cost.

Suppliers should submit One (1) Original and Two (2) Copies in a seal envelope and delivered to the address below by **Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 10:00 am (Local Belize Time).** Electronic bid submission is not permitted. **Late bids will be rejected.**

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Ref: **Supply and Delivery of Vehicle – Passenger Van – MBEDRM** – Name of Supplier

SDG Financing Belize Advances with UNCTAD and ECLAC

February 3, 2025 - The Government of Belize has concluded a week of consultations with UNCTAD and ECLAC to strengthen Belize’s access to sustainable development financing. At the end of the consultations, Ambassador Amalia Mai, CEO in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, met with the delegation to formally close the discussions, which focused on securing affordable external funding, improving debt sustainability, and expanding climate finance through UNCTAD’s Sustainable Development Finance Assessment (SDFA) framework.

Belize, a leader in innovative financial solutions, has already demonstrated success through its Blue Bonds initiative, which reduced debt while protecting marine ecosystems. The meetings explored leveraging similar tools—such as green bonds and debt-for-climate swaps—to meet Belize’s US\$ 1.65 billion in climate finance needs.

With increasing climate threats, including hurricanes and coastal erosion, securing long-term funding remains a priority. UNCTAD and ECLAC reaffirmed their commitment to supporting Belize’s efforts to build financial resilience and drive sustainable growth.

Belize Port Authority Refutes ‘Sun Up on 7’ Claims and Comments

3 February 2025
The Belize Port Authority (BPA) categorically refutes the claims and comments made during a segment of the "Sun Up On 7" morning show that aired this morning, which suggested an alleged contract involvement of the BPA with a foreign company known as Jotaefe. The segment included what was referred to as a "payment schedule" underpinning such an agreement.

The Belize Port Authority wishes to clarify unequivocally that it has not entered into any contract or agreement with Jotaefe. No such signed contract exists, and any assertions to the contrary are not only unfounded but are also misleading to the public and damaging to the reputation of the BPA. We strongly urge the host and producers of "Sun Up On 7" to cease the dissemination of this false narrative.

The BPA reserves the right to take any necessary legal action to protect its reputation against defamatory claims that baselessly challenge its operational integrity. The BPA appreciates the support of its stakeholders and the public in these matters, ensuring that its maritime operations continue to be characterized by reliability and trustworthiness.



VACANCY Terms of Reference SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR I THE BELIZE TAX SERVICE DEPARTMENT



1. Purpose of Position:
The System Administrator I is responsible for the robust and efficient operation of the organization's IT systems and infrastructure. This role involves the provisioning, installation, configuration, and maintenance of hardware, software, and related infrastructure to ensure high availability and optimal performance. The System Administrator I implement and maintain system standards, performs regular security and performance monitoring, and provides advanced support to resolve complex technical issues. This position is essential for the stability and security of the organization's IT environment, contributing to its overall operational success.

2. Analysis of Position:
I. Essential Duties and Responsibilities:
SA Engineering and Provisioning

- Install new/rebuild existing servers and configure hardware, peripherals, services, settings, directories, storage, etc.
- Install and configure computer-based systems.
- Develop, document, and maintain installation and configuration procedures.
- Contribute to and maintain system standards.
- Research and recommend innovative approaches for system administration tasks.

Operations and Support.

- Ensure daily system monitoring and verify the integrity and availability of all hardware, server resources, systems, and key processes.
- Conduct regular security monitoring to identify possible intrusions.
- Ensure daily backup operations and regular file archival and purge.
- Create, change, and delete user accounts as requested.
- Provide Tier III support and investigate and troubleshoot issues.
- Repair and recover from hardware or software failures.

Maintenance

- Apply OS patches and upgrades regularly.
- Upgrade and configure system software supporting local infrastructure.
- Perform periodic performance reporting to support capacity planning.
- Perform ongoing performance tuning and resource optimization.

Supervision:

- Supervise, manage, and appraise junior officers.

II. Requirements:
a. Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science, Information Technology, or a related field.
- 3-5 years of hands-on experience in system administration.
- Certifications will be an asset:
- Certifications such as CompTIA Server+, Microsoft Certified: Windows Server, Red Hat Certified System Administrator (RHCSA), or equivalent.
- Advanced certifications (e.g., Microsoft Certified: Azure Administrator, AWS Certified SysOps Administrator, VMware Certified Professional).

b. Experience:

- Proven experience with virtualization (e.g., VMware, Hyper-V) and containerization (e.g., Docker, Kubernetes).
- Experience with monitoring and performance tuning tools (e.g., Nagios, SolarWinds).
- Proficiency in scripting languages (e.g., PowerShell, Python, Bash).
- Strong understanding of networking concepts, firewalls, and security protocols.
- Experience with cloud services (e.g., AWS, Azure, Google Cloud).

c. Competencies/Skills:
Technical:

- Hands-on experience troubleshooting hardware/software issues.
- In-depth knowledge of technical environments and network topologies.
- Proficiency with Windows and Linux operating systems and servers.
- Experience with installing network cables and patching.
- Strong knowledge of security protocols, systems analysis principles, and disaster recovery methods.
- Project management skills and supervisory capabilities.
- Ability to implement and troubleshoot changes and modifications
- Knowledge of current technological developments/trends in area of expertise.
- Ability to write detailed professional technical and nontechnical reports.
- Excellent decision making, judgment, analytical and planning skills;

Behavioral:

- Strong leadership skills.
- Excellent written, oral, and interpersonal communication skills.
- Ability to present ideas in a business-friendly and user-friendly language.
- Highly organized, self-motivated, self-directed, and attentive to detail.
- Ability to effectively prioritize and execute tasks in a high-pressure environment.
- Extensive experience working in a team-oriented, collaborative environment.
- Strong ethical standards and professional integrity. Excellent time management and organizing skills.

III. Special Work Conditions (physical demands, job hazards, pressures):

- Highly confidential environment
- Long and irregular hours
- High Stress working environment.
- Available to work on weekends and holidays as required with incentives;
- Travel from time to time;

3. Reporting Responsibility:
The System Administrator I will report to the MIS Manager.

4. Location: Headquarters, Eleanor Hall Bldg., Lake I Blvd., Belize City, Belize

5. Salary: Government Payscale 21 of \$38,106 x 1,644 - \$69,342 per annum.

Application Process: Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three professional references to **Director General, Belize Tax Service Department, Ministry of Finance, Eleanor Hall Building, Belize City** by **February 14th , 2025; only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews.**

Note: The Terms of Reference may be subject to amendments or modifications as deemed necessary by the hiring authority.



INVITATION TO BID

Institution: MINISTRY OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE, GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE.

Tender: SUPPLY OF GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY-MASS SPECTOMETRY LABORATORY EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Department of the Environment (DOE) within the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Climate Change, invites qualified and reputable companies to submit proposals for the **supply and delivery of GCMS laboratory equipment and accessories.**

Bidding Details:
The full bidding document, which includes detailed specifications of the required equipment and instructions for the submission process, can be obtained by sending a request to:

- **Email:** procurement.asst@environment.gov.bz
- **CC:** procurement.officer@environment.gov.bz

Deadline for Submission: February 24, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

Submissions received after the deadline will not be considered. The Ministry reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without obligation or explanation.

NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 7(1) OF THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REGULATIONS CHAPTER 54 OF THE LAWS OF BELIZE, Edition 2023

It is hereby notified for general information that the principals of Vega’s Industries Limited (hereinafter called "the Company") submitted an application for an Approved Enterprise Order under the Fiscal Incentives Act, Chapter 54 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2023.

Any person who objects to the making of an Order is hereby invited to,

- a. submit notice in writing of his/her objections
- b. state the grounds on which he/she relies in support thereof,

to the Executive Director, Belize Trade and Investment Development Service, on or before February 20 th , 2025, to executive.director@beltrade.bz or call at 880-3737.

1. The Company is located outside of San Jose Succotz on the Western Highway, Cayo District that will construct a bleach manufacturing facility consisting of a packaging area, locker room, fabrication area, loading area, office, laboratory and bathrooms. If the application is approved the company shall be an enterprise under the Fiscal Incentives Act.
2. The application is in relation to:
 - Building Materials & Supplies
 - Raw Materials & Packaging Materials
 - Plant, Machinery & Equipment
 - Office Equipment & Appliances
 - Utility and Transport Vehicles
 - exemption from duties.



Invitation to Bid

Construction and Equipment of San Narciso Village Sub-Station
N.o CABEI-WKS-001-2147/2024
One Stage-One Envelope

Date: February 7, 2025

1. SOURCE OF RESOURCES

The Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI), as part of the services it provides to its beneficiary partner countries, is granting total financing for the Procurement for the Construction and Equipment of San Narciso Village Police Sub-Station, within the framework of the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP).

2. EXECUTING AGENCY AND CONTRACTING PARTY OF THE BIDDING PROCESS

2.1 The Ministry of Economic Development (MED) is the Executing Agency of the Contracting Party, intends to use a portion of the funds of this financing to make eligible payments under the Contract for which this Invitation to Bid is being issued.

2.2 The Belize Integral Security Project, is responsible for the present Procurement process for which invites eligible construction companies to submit bids for this procurement in a sealed envelope.

2.3 The Contractor will be selected and awarded in accordance with the procedures of the Central American Bank for Economic Integration as established in the Procurement Policy for Procurement of Goods, Works, Services and Consultancies with CABEI resources and its Regulations, which can be found on the following web site: <https://www.bcie.org>.

3. PRESENTATION OF THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS

3.1 General Objectives of the Procurement for the Construction and Equipment of San Narciso Village Police Sub-Station, Corozal District.

3.2 The Contracting Party makes available to interested parties all the documentation related to this Procurement necessary for the preparation of bids. Such information will be available free of charge:

a. Bidding package can be requested from the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP), Project Executing Unit, 1904 Constitution Drive, 2nd Floor, Unit # 3, Belmopan City, at: sannarcisopd_wks001.bisp@med.gov.bz and copy: projectcoordinator.bisp@med.gov.bz

3.3 Bids must be submitted to the address indicated below no later than **March 17, 2025** no later than **10:00 a.m.**

Electronic submission of bids will not be permitted. No late bids will be accepted.

Bids shall be opened publicly, in the presence of the representatives designated by the Bidder and any person who decides to attend, at the address listed below on March 17, 2025, at 10:15 a.m.

3.4 All Bids must be accompanied by a **"Bid Maintenance Declaration "**.

The address (addresses) mentioned above is (are):

Elvis Requena
Project Coordinator
Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP)
Programme Executing Unit
1904 Constitution Drive 2 nd Floor, Unit #3
Belmopan City, Belize C.A.



MINISTRY OF
NATIONAL DEFENCE
& BORDER SECURITY



INVITATION TO BID

SUPPLY & DELIVERY
OF BDF RATION SUPPLIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

The Ministry of National Defence & Border Security hereby invites eligible and qualified bidders to submit sealed bids for the Supply and Delivery of BDF Ration Supplies for the period April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026.

The bidding will be conducted on a Lot basis under the following categories:

Lot No	Category
1	Meats
2	Fruits and Vegetables
3	Seasonings
4	Dry Goods
5	Breakfast Items
6	Grains
7	Bread
8	Cleaning Supplies and Sundries
9	Christmas Luncheon
10	Sundries for Force

All interested bidders are asked to contact the Finance Officer of the Ministry of National Defence and Border Security at the address below for the complete package of the bidding documents. Bidders must meet the minimum requirements as indicated in the Instruction to Bidders.

A fee of \$200.00 made payable to the Government Treasury utilizing Fees for Bidding Documents - 18017/11617/130/24 is required for the acquisition of the Tender Package. The receipt must be presented to the Finance Officer at the point of collecting the Package.

The Tender Package must be collected from the Finance Officer of the Ministry of National Defence and Border Security at the address provided below during normal working hours commencing on Thursday, February 6, 2025 and concluding on Wednesday, February 19, 2025.

All tender submissions must be returned to the address below no later than 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. Late bids will be rejected. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Securing Declaration as specified in the Instructions to Bidders.

On Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., a pre-tender meeting will be held at the Ministry of National Defence and Border Security at the address provided below.

The address referred to above is:

Chairman of Tender Committee
Ministry of National Defence and Border Security
Curl Thompson Building
City of Belmopan
Belize
Tel: (501) 880-2872/3677/6637
Email: Finance.Officer@defence.gov.bz



MINISTRY OF
NATIONAL DEFENCE
& BORDER SECURITY



INVITATION TO BID

SUPPLY & DELIVERY
OF COAST GUARD RATION SUPPLIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

The Ministry of National Defence & Border Security hereby invites eligible and qualified bidders to submit sealed bids for the Supply and Delivery of Coast Guard Ration Supplies for the period April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026.

The bidding will be conducted on a Lot basis under the following categories:

Lot No	Category
1	Dry Goods
2	Field Ration
3	Sundries
4	Meats
5	Fruits and Vegetables

All interested bidders are asked to contact the Finance Officer of the Ministry of National Defence and Border Security at the address below for the complete package of the bidding documents. Bidders must meet the minimum requirements as indicated in the Instruction to Bidders.

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LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that **Oscar R. Bar-
rera** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License**
to be operated at **“El Taller Coolspot”**
located in Cotton Tree Village, Belize Dis-
trict under the Intoxicating Liquor License
Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Shubin Yu** is
applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License**
to be operated at **“Benny Restaurant”**
located at 2 ½ Miles P.G. HWY., Belize City,
Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor
License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Fabian Chang**
is applying for a **Publican General Liquor**
License to be operated at **“Maria Chang**
& Sons Co. Ltd.” located at # 46 Castle
Street, Belize City, Belize District under
the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance
Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Angel G. Gon-
zalez** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor**
License to be operated at **“The Pourit**
Tranquility Lounge” located at # 29 Bay-
men Ave., Belize City, Belize District under
the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance
Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Lorena Y. Cer-
vantes/Iris Y. Estrada** are applying for a
Restaurant Liquor License to be operated
at **“Alas Chelas”** located at # 6 South Park
Street, Belize City, Belize District under the
Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Re-
vised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Rajaul Islam/
Salma Islam** are applying for a **Malt & Ci-
der Liquor License** to be operated at **“New**
Peoples Lunch Box” located at # 100 North
Front Street, Belize City, Belize District under
the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance
Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Saul Barrera/
Pedro Lizarraga** are applying for a **Publican**
Special Liquor License to be operated at
“Roaring Creek Golf & Accommodations”
located in Roaring Creek Village, Cayo District
under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordi-
nance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Hong Su** is
applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor**
License to be operated at **“Rong’s Store”**
located on 4th Avenue, Corozal Town, Corozal
District under the Intoxicating Liquor License
Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Shaojian Wu** is
applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor**
License to be operated at **“Central Su-
permarket”** located on Park Street South,
Corozal Town, Corozal District under the In-
toxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised
Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Feng Ci Wu** is
applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License**
to be operated at **“Perfect Restaurant”**
located on 5th Avenue, Corozal Town, Corozal
District under the Intoxicating Liquor License
Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Weiliang Huang**
is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License**
to be operated at **“Corozal Chinese Restau-
rant”** located on 7th Avenue, Corozal Town,
Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor
License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Shaobin Wu** is
applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License**
to be operated at **“Yummy House Restau-
rant”** located on 7th Avenue, Corozal Town,
Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor
License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Wanji Wu** is
applying for a **Publican Special Liquor**
License to be operated at **“Border**
Restaurant” located on Park Street
South, Corozal Town, Corozal District
under the Intoxicating Liquor License
Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Huanhua**
Mei is applying for a **Shop Liquor**
License to be operated at **“Jing Jing**
Supermarket” located on Santa Elena
Rd., Corozal Town, Corozal District
under the Intoxicating Liquor License
Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Hui Zhen**
Chen is applying for a **Publican Special**
Liquor License to be operated at **“Sun-
shine View Hotel”** located on Almond
Dr., Corozal Town, Corozal District
under the Intoxicating Liquor License
Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Falong**
Rong is applying for a **Malt & Cider**
Liquor License to be operated at **“Tai-
san Shop”** located on Park Street South,
Corozal Town, Corozal District under the
Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance
Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **DaQuan Li**
is applying for a **Shop Liquor License**
to be operated at **“Deng’s Supermar-
ket”** located on 7th Avenue, Corozal
Town, Corozal District under the In-
toxicating Liquor License Ordinance
Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Tiandi Lai**
is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor**
License to be operated at **“Family**
Fast Food” located on 1st Street South,
Corozal Town, Corozal District under the
Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance
Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Tiandi Lai**
is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor**
License to be operated at **“Family**
Fast Food” located on 1st Street South,
Corozal Town, Corozal District under
the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordi-
nance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Ailing**
Huang is applying for a **Malt & Ci-
der Liquor License** to be operated
at **“Ben’s Fast Food”** located on 4th
Avenue, Corozal Town, Corozal District
under the Intoxicating Liquor License
Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Guo Giang**
Wu is applying for a **Shop Liquor**
License to be operated at **“Circle K”**
located on San Andres Rd., Corozal
Town, Corozal District under the In-
toxicating Liquor License Ordinance
Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Zongrong**
Chen is applying for a **Convenience**
Store Liquor License to be operated
at **“Chang Sang Supermarket”** locat-
ed on 3rd Street South, Corozal Town,
Corozal District under the Intoxicating
Liquor License Ordinance Revised
Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Chucong**
Zhu is applying for a **Convenience**
Store Liquor License to be operated
at **“One Mall Supermarket”** located
in Ranchito Village, Corozal Town,
Corozal District under the Intoxicat-
ing Liquor License Ordinance Revised
Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Barron**
Chang is applying for a **Convenience**
Store Liquor License to be operated
at **“Moon Distributors Ltd.”** located
in Ranchito Village, Corozal District
under the Intoxicating Liquor License
Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Qunfang**
Tan is applying for a **Shop Liquor**
License to be operated at **“Commu-
nity Supermarket”** located in Calcutta
Village, Corozal District under the
Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance
Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Bifang Chen**
is applying for a **Shop Liquor License**
to be operated at **“Mei Chen Shop”**
located in Caledonia Village, Corozal
District under the Intoxicating Liquor
License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Wenhao**
Li is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor**
License to be operated at **“Wonderful**
Restaurant” located in San Narciso
Village, Corozal District under the
Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance
Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Zhenyi**
Luo is applying for a **Convenience**
Store Liquor License to be operated
at **“Hai Yan Shop”** located in San Nar-
ciso Village, Corozal District under the
Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance
Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Zhuolin**
Wu is applying for a **Convenience**
Store Liquor License to be operated
at **“Lucky One Plus One Shop”** located
in Concepcion Village, Corozal District
under the Intoxicating Liquor License
Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Yuming**
Zhu is applying for a **Convenience**
Store Liquor License to be operated
at **“Yuming Store”** located in Sartene-
jia Village, Corozal District under the
Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance
Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Shuyi**
Huang is applying for a **Shop Liquor**
License to be operated at **“Happy**
Family Store” located in San Joaquin
Village, Corozal District under the
Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance
Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jinci Su**
is applying for a **Convenience Store**
Liquor License to be operated at
“Everyday Supermarket” located in
San Joaquin Village, Corozal District
under the Intoxicating Liquor License
Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Yanfei Zhen**
is applying for a **Shop Liquor License**
to be operated at **“Tommy Store”** located
in Cristo Rey Village, Corozal District
under the Intoxicating Liquor License
Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jiafeng Wu**
is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to
be operated at **“Z One Store”** located
in San Andres Village, Corozal District
under the Intoxicating Liquor License
Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Weida Wu**
is applying for a **Convenience Store**
Liquor License to be operated at **“D**
& L Supermarket” located on 6th Street
South, Corozal Town, Corozal District
under the Intoxicating Liquor License
Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **YiChang**
Lin is applying for a **Convenience**
Store Liquor License to be operated
at **“Timpol Grocery Store”** located
on 4th Av, Corozal District under the
Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance
Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **JunLian**
Zhen is applying for a **Shop Liquor**
License to be operated at **“Kennys**
Shop” located in Xaibe Village, Corozal
District under the Intoxicating Liquor
License Ordinance Revised Edition
1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Yi Wen**
Chen is applying for a **Shop Liquor**
License to be operated at **“Lets Go**
Supermerket” located on 5th Avenue,
Corozal Town, Corozal District under
the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordi-
nance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Facunda**
Cob is applying for a **Shop Liquor**
License to be operated at **“Tia Mini**
Store” located in San Narciso Village,
Corozal District under the Intoxicating
Liquor License Ordinance Revised
Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Noely**
Castaneda is applying for a **Shop Li-
quor License** to be operated at **“Las**
Palmitas” located in Santa Clara Village,
Corozal District under the Intoxicating
Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edi-
tion 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Ceferino**
A. Caliz is applying for a **Beer Liquor**
License to be operated at **“Caliz Shop”**
located in Libertad Village, Corozal
District under the Intoxicating Liquor
License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Vanessa**
Sanker is applying for a **Publican Spe-
cial Liquor License** to be operated at
“ALG Reggae Sports Bar” located in
San Antonio Village, Corozal District
under the Intoxicating Liquor License
Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that Karina D.
Tun is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor**
License to be operated at **“Cerveceria**
Y Antojos La Anita” located in Santa
Clara Village, Corozal District under the
Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance
Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Juana**
Yascal is applying for a **Publican Spe-
cial Liquor License** to be operated at
“Vnney Cool Spot” located in San Nar-
ciso Village, Corozal District under the
Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance
Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Lucerito G.**
Osorio is applying for a **Beer Liquor**
License to be operated at **“Lucys Beer”**
located in San Victor Village, Corozal
District under the Intoxicating Liquor
License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Normi**
Perez is applying for a **Beer Liquor**
License to be operated at **“D Ice Box”**
located in Libertad Village, Corozal
District under the Intoxicating Liquor
License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Elmer R.**
Carlos is applying for a **Shop Liquor**
License to be operated at **“Blue Sky**
Shop” located in Progreso Village,
Corozal District under the Intoxicating
Liquor License Ordinance Revised
Edition 1980.

A woman with curly hair, wearing an orange headband and a matching jacket, is smiling broadly and holding a scratch-off phone card. The card is orange and yellow, featuring the Smart logo, a grid of colorful icons, and the word "LOVE" in a large, stylized font. The card also mentions "ENTER THE smartZONE" and "win updates".

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